Delivery of Anchal Mail.

287. *Mr. J. John Kattakayam: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Anchal Superintendent has submitted a scheme to them, according to which any article sent through Anchal may, within twelve hours, be delivered at any part of the country ;

(*b*) the number of days required for the delivery peon of the only departmental Anchal Office in Todupuzha taluk, which is 487 sq. miles in area, to go from that office with articles as far as Pullikkanam within its limit, and to return therefrom to the Todupuzha Office ;

(*c*) the number of weeks required to return after delivery in accordance with the intention of the Anchal Department, of articles to the respective addressees in the intervening places, when so going and returning ;

(*d*) whether a peon working in such an extensive area has been appointed as master in another Anchal Office for some days after the 15th of Makaram last ;

(*e*) whether any person has been appointed as delivery peon for the place during the period ; and

(*f*) the number of offices necessary, if articles are to be delivered regularly in places up to Pullikkanam within the limit of the Todupuzha Office ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: (*a*) No.

(*b*) 2 days.

(*c*) This will depend on the number of letters and the distances between the residences of the various addressees.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) The work was arranged to be done by other peons.

(*f*) One more non-Departmental Office at Arakulam or Kudayattoor in the Todupuzha taluk may solve the problem to a certain extent.

Electric power at Pallivasal.

288. *Mr. J. John Kattakayam: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether crude oil can be obtained from the Pallivasal electric power ;

(*b*) whether it is possible to make use of electricity for vehicular traffic throughout the State ; and

(*c*) whether it is possible to run each vehicle by separate batteries and to charge the batteries with electricity once or twice daily ?

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Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: (*a*) No.
(*b*) Yes.
(*c*) Yes.

Public Works Department and the Pallivasal Hydro-Electrical Department.

289. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the P. W. D. has been requested to supply the iron materials required for use at Pallivasal;

(*b*) who all agreed to supply the same from outside;

(*c*) the difference in the amount agreed to by the P. W. D. and that demanded by the present suppliers; and

(*d*) whether it was the Electrical Engineer who brought this fact to the notice of the Chief Engineer?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: (*a*) No. The P. W. D. Workshops also tendered for the work.

(*b*) Messrs. Harrison and Crosfield Ltd., Quilon.

(*c*) The P. W. D. Workshop's tender was Rs. 4,000 higher than that of Messrs. Harrisons and Crosfield Ltd., Quilon, which was the lowest.

(*d*) No.

Deaths due to Electric shock.

290. ***Mr J. John Kattakayam:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether, when the Demand for Electrical Department was moved during the last budget session, Mr. John Kattakayam had stated in the Council that deaths due to electric shock should be reduced;

(*b*) whether, in reply to that, the head of the Electrical Department had stated that no such deaths occurred; and

(*c*) whether an Ezhava youth aged 24, an employee of the Power House at Kottayam, died on account of electric shock on the 6th Tulam last?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: (*a*) Yes.
(*b*) Yes.
(*c*) Yes.

Labourers at Pallivasal.

291. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of labourers, native and foreign respectively at Pallivasal; and

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